

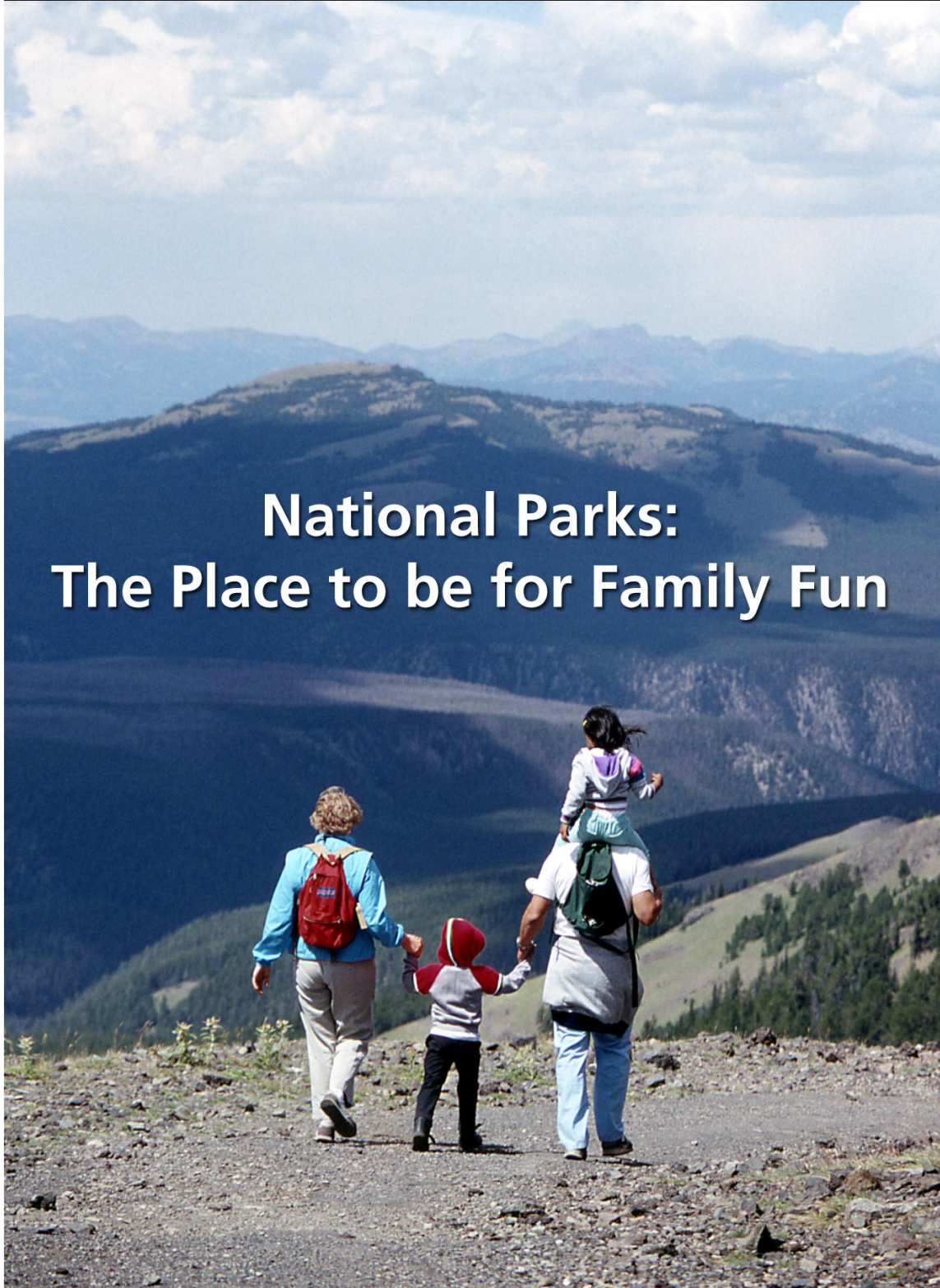
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National Parks: The Place to be for Family Fun



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2005 Park Visitor Information

Alaska Region



Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska:

New Visitor Center – The \$30 million renovation of the park’s entrance area will be completed this year, with the opening of the park’s new 14,000 square foot visitor center. The complex includes a theater, interpretive exhibits, food court and bookstore. Earlier improvements to the frontcountry have included a science and learning center (which also serves as a winter visitor center), a camper convenience store, campground renovations, additional parking, better traffic flow and an expanded railroad depot. Two dozen new buses will be on the road this year, providing cleaner, quieter rides into the park. Contact: Kris Fister, 907-683-9583.

Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, Alaska:

New Visitor Center – Lake Clark will open a new, small visitor center at Port Alsworth this summer. Port Alsworth is a community of lodges and air taxi operators that serves as the jumping off point for the 4 million acre park and preserve, and has a base for hiking and kayaking in the surrounding park.

Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska:

New Nature Center – The park has completed several visitor improvements at the Exit Glacier area, including a new nature center. Just nine miles off the Seward Highway, the area offers visitors an easy walk to the face of a glacier, a nature trail and a more challenging trail to the Harding Ice Field. Contact: John Quinley, 907-6443512.



Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Alaska:

Junior Ranger/Teen Explorer – What does junior do when the family goes on a cruise in Southeast Alaska? Thousands of school-age children take part in a NPS Junior Ranger or Teen Explorer program offered on board ships plying the Inside Passage. In a partnership between Glacier Bay National Park and cruise lines, kids learn about the marine environment they're traveling through, about national parks and forests, and the history of Alaska. The program has quickly become one of the most popular on-board activities for families. In the bay, park rangers also board each cruise ship going into bay to provide interpretive talks. Contact: Kris Nemeth, 907-697-2230.

10 Alaska parks:

25th Anniversary – 2005 marks the 25th anniversary of 10 national park units in Alaska. The big event in 1980 was the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. Congress doubled the size of the National Park System with this one bill by adding 44 million acres (including 32 million acres of parkland wilderness), designated 10 new units, expanded three older parks, and made history with the largest conservation action ever. Twenty-five years later these parks are doing what was envisioned—providing enjoyment and education for thousands of visitors, providing habitat for astounding wildlife resources, revealing secrets of past cultures dating back to the earliest North Americans, and becoming economic engines for many Alaska communities. Contact: John Quinley, 907-644-3512.

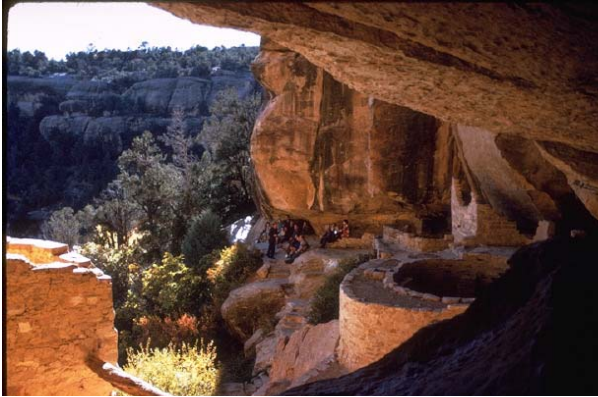
Intermountain Region

Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona:

Summer Solstice – (June 21) Join rangers at Puerco Pueblo for a petroglyph solar interaction between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. the week before and after the Summer Solstice.

Ghosts of the Past – (October 28-29) Visit the ghosts of Petrified Forest for this evening ranger tour.

Parade of Lights – (December 3) The park joins our gateway community in Holbrook for this annual evening parade, 6:00 p.m. on Hopi Drive and Navajo Boulevard. Contact: Visitor Information 928-524-6228.



Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado:

5th Annual Mesa Verde Country Indian Arts and Western Culture Festival –
(May 27 - June 5) Contact: 970-529-4465.

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, Montana:

Western Heritage Days – This annual celebration (July 9-10) hosts a variety of activities and programs. Cowboy entertainers, saddlemakers, and blacksmithing demonstrations will make the day fun for everyone!

Haying demonstration – Come see the historic beaverslide haystacker as part of two days of haying demonstrations on August 14 & 15. Historic equipment will be on display.

Midwest Region

Badlands National Park, South Dakota:

Ben Reifel Visitor Center - The Ben Reifel Visitor Center of Badlands National Park will reopen in November 2005 after a year long closure for rehabilitation. There will be new exhibits, a new bookstore and lobby, and a new 100 seat theater. Contact: Marianne Mills, 605-433-5240.

Isle Royale National Park, Michigan:

Seaplane service - Seaplane service will be reinstituted after being absent for two years. Royale Air Service Inc. 218-721-0405 or 877-359-4753.



Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Wisconsin:

New Gaylord Nelson Wilderness Area - A celebration/dedication ceremony for the new Gaylord Nelson Wilderness Area within Apostle Islands National

Lakeshore is tentatively planned for May 15. Details will be forthcoming.
Contact: Bob Krumenaker, Superintendent, 715-779-3397.

100th Anniversary - The park and its partners will commemorate the 100th anniversary of two major shipwrecks, with loss of life, on September 2, 2005 -- the 100th anniversary, to the day, of the sinking of the Sevona and the Pretoria. The Apostle Islands Cruise Service plans a special interpretive cruise to view the shipwreck sites that day, and Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua and the Friends of the Apostle Islands special showing of "Keeper of the Light" that evening.
Contact: Bob Krumenaker, Superintendent, 715-779-3397.

Homestead National Monument of America, Nebraska:

Monumental Fiddling Championship - Enjoy music on May 28 from the homesteading era as fiddlers compete against each other. Listen to the jam groups nestled around the park as they practice. Contact: Susan Cook, 402-223-3514.

U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Ceremony – (June 14) Between 150-200 people will be sworn in as citizens of the United States. See this present process and learn how the Homestead Act also brought many new citizens to this country for 124 years. Contact: Susan Cook, 402-223-3514.

Homestead Days - Cast members from the television series “Little House on the Prairie” will present a program on June 18-19 on what it was like to step back in time as they filmed. The Oklahoma Fancy Dancers will also interpret Native American dance. Many homesteading traditional arts will be exhibited by volunteers. Volunteers with teams of horses will be demonstrating antique farming practices. Contact: Susan Cook, 402-223-3514.

Land Records and Genealogy Symposium - This event, June 29-30, is sponsored in partnership with Southeast Community College. Registration is required. Speakers will give presentations relating to homesteading and land records and ways to find information about ancestors. Contact: Susan Cook, 402-223-3514

Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial, Ohio:

Memorial Day Ceremony – (May 30) Contact: Andrew J. Ferguson, Superintendent, 419-285-2184.

The Firelands Symphony - The Firelands Symphony will have an evening performance on July 2 on the steps of the Monument. Contact: Andrew J. Ferguson, Superintendent, 419-285-2184.

192nd Historic Weekend - The 192nd Historic Weekend will be celebrated September 10 -11, with the Toledo Symphony performing on the evening of September 10th. Contact: Andrew J. Ferguson, Superintendent, 419-285-2184.

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Nebraska:

40th Anniversary - The park will celebrate its 40th anniversary on June 5 with a brief program featuring Native American singers, dancers, and artists. Contact: Ruthann Knudson, Superintendent, 308-668-2211.

Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri:

Lewis and Clark Day - A special “Lewis and Clark Day” will be held on June 10 with an open house at the park headquarters, featuring speakers in the morning (for summer schools and the public) and again in the evening for the general public. Contact: Noel Poe, Superintendent, 573-323-4236.

Ozark Heritage Festival - An Ozark Heritage Festival will be held on June 24-25 in Big Spring to celebrate the living culture of the region. Contact: Noel Poe, Superintendent, 573-323-4236.



Mount Rushmore National Memorial, South Dakota:

Independence Day - Fireworks display on July 3 at 9:20 p.m., along with special events throughout the day to include cultural demonstrations by ethnic groups of the area. (The Oglala Lakota will have a tipi set up and feature demonstrations throughout the day.) They will also feature bands and children’s programs with an Abraham Lincoln impersonator throughout the day. Contact: Judy Olson, 605-574-3115.

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, North Dakota:

Northern Plains Indian Culture Fest - An annual event on July 30-31 that celebrates the culture and crafts of the people of the northern plains. Activities include presentations by tribal historians and Elders, fur trade re-enactors, and historians, ongoing demonstrations by craftsmen, musicians, museums and more. Contact: Cheryl Schreier, Superintendent, 701-745-3309.

A Fond Farewell - An annual event on August 17 that commemorates the homeward departure of the Corps of Discovery from the villages in 1806 and the fond farewell the Captains gave to Sacagawea, Pomp, Toussaint Charbonneau and all of the villagers. Presentations will be given by Lewis and Clark historians and tribal representatives. Contact: Cheryl Schreier, Superintendent, 701-745-3309.

Lifeways of the Northern Plains - Michael Terry will be demonstrating the lifeways of the Northern Plains Tribes from the 17th & 18th century on September 18-20. Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes will be doing demonstrations of their cultural lifeways. Contact: Cheryl Schreier, Superintendent, 701-745-3309.

National Capital Region

Antietam National Battlefield Visitor Center, Maryland:

Wreath Laying Ceremony - There will be a special wreath laying ceremony on November 11 at 11 a.m. in the Sharpsburg Town Square in honor of Armistice Day at Antietam. This ceremony is in honor of the ending of World War I on the 11th day and the 11th hour. For further information call 301-432-5124.

17th Annual Memorial Illumination at Antietam National Battlefield -

(December 3 at 6 p.m.) Volunteers place over 23,000 candles on the battlefield, each representing a casualty from the bloodiest single-day battle in American history. Driving tour begins at 6 p.m. on Route 34 east of Sharpsburg. The illumination is always the 1st Saturday in December. In case of inclement weather, the illumination will be postponed to the following Saturday evening. For individuals or groups interested in volunteering to help place the candles, call 301-733-7373. For more information call 301-432-5124.



Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Maryland:

51st Anniversary of the Annual Justice William O. Douglas - (dates to be determined) - Hancock C&O Canal Visitor's Center, 326 East Main Hancock, Md. This year C&O Canal will celebrate the 51st anniversary of Justice Douglass hike that created a park. Walkers, hikers ramblers, rovers, strollers, stragglers, there will be something for all at the Annual Douglas Hike. Plenty of parking is available. The C&O Canal Association has planned a 184.5 mile hike to commemorate the 51st anniversary of Douglas' 1954 hike to save the canal. National Park Service rangers and volunteers will present several site-specific programs including a mule-drawn replica canal boat ride aboard The Georgetown at Fletcher's Boathouse. The two-week hike will begin in Cumberland and finish in Georgetown. Watch for further information or visit www.nps.gov/choh or you may call 301-739-4200.

CanalFest - The annual 3-day CanalFest on July 8-10 will be filled with activities to include music, walking tours, programs, exhibits, crafts and canal boat replica tours, food and more. Times and events to be announced. For further information on activities call 301-722-8226 or 1-800-989-9394.

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site, Washington, DC:

Bethune Statue - Lincoln Park, 11th and East Capitol Streets NE, Washington, DC - July 10th is the official birthday of Mary McLeod Bethune. A formal wreath-laying ceremony at 6 p.m. celebrates the 130th birthday of the African-American educator, human rights activist and founder of the National Council of Negro Women, Mary McLeod Bethune. This year's celebration marks the 31th anniversary of the wreath-laying ceremony the erection of the Bethune Memorial on July 10, 1974. Those wishing to attend will gather in Lincoln Park at the 12-foot tall Bethune Statue. For further information call 202-673-2402.

President's Park (White House), Washington, DC:

"Twilight Tattoo" - (7 p.m., May 4,11,18,25 and June 1,8,15,22, and 29; Ellipse, south of the White House) - The Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long sunset military pageant. The program features The U.S. Army Old Guard Third Infantry, The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and The U.S. Army Drill Team; and The U.S. Army Band Blues jazz ensemble and vocalists from The U.S. Army Chorus and The U.S. Army Chorale. For further information call 202-685-4989.

National Christmas Tree Lighting and Pageant of Peace - This year marks the 82nd National Christmas Tree, opening the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace. Date and time to be determined. For further information call 202-208-1631.

Lighting Ceremony - (NW end of Ellipse near Constitution Ave)- This year is the 27th Anniversary of the National Chanukah Menorah and the 26th Lighting Ceremony. The lighting of the world's largest Menorah to mark the Festival of Chanukah, eight day Jewish holiday commemorating the success of the Jewish Maccabean army against Syrian oppression, and the liberation and rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem nearly 2,200 years ago. Tickets are required. Date and time to be determined. For further ticket information please call 202-332-5600.



Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, DC:

Mother's Day at the Wall - Mother's Day at the Wall on Sunday, May 8 - This year marks the Sixth Annual Mother's Day at the Wall to honor the Mothers of those who served and sacrificed in America's military conflicts. Mother's Day marks a special time at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Many mothers watched their children go off to war in Vietnam, some of whom never returned home. The

Wall honors their children's service and sacrifice. For further information call 202-393-0090.

Memorial Day Observance - This year's annual Memorial Day observance on May 31 at 1 p.m. pays tribute to those that served and died in Vietnam. The ceremony will include Presentation of the Colors, remarks by special guest. The observance also includes a lying of wreaths by Patriotic Organizations. Contact: 202-619-7222.

Veterans Day Observance – Veterans Day will be observed with speeches, speakers and color guard, and a wreath-laying ceremony on November 11 at 1 p.m. at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This year's special guest to be announced. For further information call 202-619-7222

Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA:

Memorial Day - Memorial Day will be commemorated at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with a wreath laying ceremony and a special military concert on May 31 at 11 a.m. The U.S. Army Band will perform. For further information call 703-695-3175.

The Women's Memorial Annual Memorial Day - The Women's Memorial annual Memorial Day ceremony on May 31 will include remarks by military women and personal tributes to departed comrades. The Women In Military For America Memorial is the nation's only major memorial honoring all servicewomen, past, present and future. For further information call 703-533-1155

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier - The nation's veterans who died in war are honored with a wreath-laying ceremony on November 11 at 11 a.m. followed by a memorial service. The President of the United States or a representative will lay the wreath. A military band will provide music. For further information call 703-607-8000.

Women In Military Service For America Memorial, at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery - A wreath will lay at the memorial during a ceremony at the memorial with formal military honors, keynote address and veteran's remarks on November 11 at 3:30 p.m. For more information call 1-800-222-2294.

U.S. Navy Memorial, Washington, DC: Pennsylvania Ave. NW at 9th Street

Wreath Laying Ceremony - A wreath-laying ceremony in observance of Memorial Day - Takes place at the Navy Memorial on May 31 at 1 p.m. For further information call 202-737-2300.

The United States Navy Band - Outdoor concert at the Navy Memorial on May 31 at 8 p.m. For further information call 202-737-2300

Wreath Laying Ceremony - The Naval District of Washington will lay a wreath at the Lone Sailor Statue in commemoration of Veterans Day on November 11 at 1 p.m. The U.S. Navy Ceremonial Band, Ceremonial Guard and Color Guard will participate in the public ceremony. For further information call 202-737-2300.

Wreath Laying Ceremony - December 7 at 1 p.m. to commemorate the attack on Pearl Harbor. Contact: 202-737-2300.



National Mall, Washington, DC:

39th Annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival - The 39th Annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival (June 23-27 and July 4) is co-sponsored by the National Park Service and continues its run on the National Mall from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. between 7th and 14th Streets. Evening performances are from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This year's festival celebrated events to be announced. For additional information, call 202-357-2700. All events are FREE.

America's 2005 Independence Day Parade - Constitution Ave. between 7th to 17th Streets, NW. The parade on July 4 at 11:45 a.m. celebrates the 229th birthday of the United States of America. More than 3000 performers, dancers, cultural organizations, giant balloons, floats, and military personnel from thirteen States will march down Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th streets. The parade is estimated to last approximately 2 hours. The parade is free and open to the public. Contact: 202-619-7222.



George Washington Memorial Parkway, Virginia:

Netherlands Carillon - Grounds of the carillon at route 50 and the GW Memorial Parkway. Every Saturday evening in July from 6-8 p.m. guest artists play the 50-bell carillon, which was given to the U.S. in appreciation for the liberation of Holland on May 5, 1945, during World War II. During the month of July there will be special Sunday afternoon concerts. See concert listing below. Visitors are welcome to go up in the tower to watch the carillonneur perform and view the city of Washington and other surrounding features. For further information call 703-289-2500/2552 or visit our web site for concert listings at www.nps.gov/gwmp.

Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, Washington, DC:

Garden tours - Anacostia Ave. & Douglas Street NE. It's that time of the year, July 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. visitors are invited to enjoy more than 75 varieties of blooming lilies and lotus in a park setting that is of outstanding design and

beauty. Night tours of the gardens will also be held during the months of August and September. Visitors are encouraged to bring a flashlight and insect repellent. Entertainment will be provided for the children. Mini-workshops will also be available on water gardening, nature videos and tours of the greenhouses. A photography contest will be held based on photos taken of the scenery at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. Submit original photographs only. Please call for details. For further information call 202-426-6905.

Korean War Veterans Memorial, Washington, DC:

Korean War Armistice Day Ceremony - (July 27 at 10 a.m.) This year marks the 55th Anniversary of the Korean War. On June 25, 1950, the North Korean Army-organized, equipped, and abetted by the Soviet Union-lunged across the 38th Parallel to subdue its countrymen to the south. This year also marks the 52nd Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, and 9th Anniversary of the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Armistice Day will be observed on the same day and time the cease fire took effect in Korea in July 27, 1953. A formal wreath-laying ceremony will take place. Contact: 202-619-7222.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in the National Capital Region:

September 15-October 15 - Listed below are the monuments and memorials in our Nation's Capital under the preservation and protection of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Capital Region, which relate to Hispanic Heritage: (Contact: 202-619-7222)

Aritagas, José, 18th and Constitution Ave., NW

Bolivar, Simon, 18th Street at C street and Virginia NW

Columbus, Christopher, Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave., NE

Farragut, Admiral David G., Farragut Square, 17th & K Sts. NW

Gálvez, Bernardo de, Virginia Ave. and C Streets. NW

Juarez, Benito Pablo, Virginia Ave. and New Hampshire Ave., NW

San Martin, General Jose de, Virginia Ave. and 20th Street, NW

United Spanish War Veterans Memorial, Memorial Avenue, west of Arlington Memorial Bridge.

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial, Virginia:

Open House - Reservations are required for the Annual Open House at Arlington House and can be made by calling 703 235-1530. Date and time to be announced.

Columbus Memorial Statue, Washington, DC:

Anniversary celebration - Columbus Plaza, Union Station. This year we celebrate the 93rd Anniversary of the dedication of the Columbus Memorial Statue. The monumental statue was dedicated June 8, 1912. The National Columbus Celebration Association and the National Park Service invite you to participate in the Columbus Day Ceremony. The official national ceremony celebrates the achievements of the great explorer. Columbus Day is always celebrated the 2nd

Monday in October (this year it's October 10 at 11 a.m.) For information call 202-619-7222.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Washington, DC:

14th Anniversary of Memorial - E Street, between 4th and 5th Sts. NW. The NPS will honor Law Enforcement officers with a wreath-laying ceremony and commemorate the 14th anniversary of the dedication of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on October 15 at 1 p.m. Free. For further information call 202-737-3400.

Vietnam Women's Memorial, Washington, DC:

Vietnam: In Their Own Words - This year marks the 12th anniversary of the Vietnam Women's Memorial. Come and witness Vietnam: In Their Own Words- Throughout the day (November 11, 8 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.) storytelling will be featured every 10-15 minutes near the Vietnam Women's Memorial, located at 23rd and Constitution Ave. NW. Children and families will find the stories compelling and educational. For further information call 301-314-8505 or visit www.VietnamWomensMemorial.org.

Northeast Region



Eisenhower National Historic Site, Pennsylvania:

Fifties Weekend – (June 11-12) Revisit the popular culture of the 1950s. See Detroit's finest 1950s cars, Rock and Roll, Hula-Hoop and more. Included in site admission. Contact: Visitor Information (717) 338-9114.

Hike with Ike – (June 16 - August 11) Join a park ranger for a walk through downtown Gettysburg to learn about the Eisenhower's life in this community. Thursday evenings, 7:15 pm. Meet at the Gettysburg College gates at North Washington and Water Streets. Contact: Visitor Information (717) 338-9114.

Independence National Historical Park, Pennsylvania:

"Once Upon a Nation" – (May 28) "Once Upon a Nation" is an effort by Historic Philadelphia, Inc. (HPI) to provide storytellers and other activities in the historic area. Long a partner with the park in providing costumed reenactors in

parts of the park, HPI is expanding that role to include other activities in the historic area.

Philly Pops concert and relighting of Independence Hall – (July 3) Because of reconstruction of Independence Mall, Independence Hall has not been lit at night for several years. The relighting will be showcased in conjunction with the second annual patriotic concert in front of Independence Hall by Peter Nero and the Philly Pops.

Liberty Medal Ceremony – (July 4) Independence Hall. Each year, a leader is recognized for contributions to freedom. Past winners of the Liberty Medal have included President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan (2004), Colin Powell, Lech Walesa, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Dedication of Independence Living History Center and archeology conservation area – (October, date TBA) to coincide with Archeology Month.

Contact: Phil Sheridan, 215-597-0060.



Cape Cod National Seashore, Massachusetts:

Champlain 1605: A Snapshot of Prehistoric Cape Cod- (May 7, 2005) Between 1604 and 1607 Samuel de Champlain and an expedition of French explorers traveled the New England coastline from Canada to Cape Cod. Champlain extensively mapped several harbors along Cape Cod, including Nauset in 1605. He participated in encounters with local Native people, and his journal entries provide a rare glimpse of Native life here. On May 7, 2005, Cape Cod National Seashore will host a symposium to explore the legacy of Champlain's explorations. A gathering of scholars will reflect on the meaning and consequences of the event to maritime exploration, archeological investigation and contact between cultures. Featured presenters: Francis McManamon, Ramona Peters, Steven Pendery, Fred Dunford, James Bradley. Field sessions include a guided canoe trip on Nauset Marsh, an archeological overview of Fort Hill, and a hands-on program about mapping technology. Contact: Sue Moynihan (508) 349-3785 x 230 or Bill Burke (508) 255-6135

Rehabilitation of Salt Pond Visitor Center Nears Completion-

(Spring 2005) Following several years of planning and two years of construction, the \$3 million project to rehabilitate Salt Pond Visitor Center is nearing completion. The project has achieved a number of goals: bring the building up to code by upgrading utility systems, remove lead paint and asbestos, and install fire exits and fire detection and suppression systems; improve handicapped access; reduce pollutants entering Salt Pond from the park septic system; repair and

replace mechanical systems and failing infrastructure; and reconfigure spaces to provide better service to the public and provide more restrooms for the convenience of visitors. Contact: Sue Moynihan or Lauren McKean 508-349-4795.



Edison National Historic Site, New Jersey:

Behind the Scenes Tour of Laboratory (June 3, 6-8 p.m.) Construction project for people who join the Friends of Edison NHS by May 10. For additional information, please call the Friends of Edison at 973-736-2916.

"Hard Hat" Edison Day – (June 4, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) Continuation of annual Edison Day event despite the fact that the Site is closed for rehabilitation. Events will include behind the scenes tours of the Laboratory and Glenmont, Mr. Edison's home in Llewellyn Park; walking tours of the Laboratory neighborhood; wax cylinder recording sessions; a scavenger hunt at the Lab for kids; talks about the new HVAC systems in the park; a Meet the Author program with Tom Smoot, author of the newly released "The Edisons of Fort Myers"; Garden Club activities at the estate Greenhouse, previews of new Interpretive methods; Open Door peeks at the Glenmont Garage and Barn and an apple pie eating contest (Mr. Edison's favorite!) For information, please see the Site website at www.nps.gov/edis or call 973-736-0551.

Minute Man National Historical Park, Massachusetts:

His Majesty's 1st Regiment, Foot Guards, the Hartwell Tavern – (May 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) Sent to America in July of 1776 as part of a "Brigade of Guards," a collection of elite units of the British Army, the 1st Regiment Foot Guards served their King and Country faithfully through many bloody campaigns from New York to Virginia, finally surrendering with Cornwallis at Yorktown. Come and visit with the re-enactors who portray this proud regiment. Watch them perform 18th century military maneuvers. See their uniforms and equipment and learn about life in the British Army during the American War for Independence. Contact: Visitor Information (978) 369-6993.

Memorial Day Concert – (May 30, 2 p.m.) The park will host a concert by the United States Air Force Band at the Minute Man Visitor Center.

The Wayside through the Eyes of Children, At the Wayside: Home of Authors – (September 11, 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.) Listen to the Concord Junior Volunteers' portrayal of a young Louisa and Elizabeth Alcott, Rose Hawthorne and Margaret Lothrop as the girls speak of their favorite childhood memories of The Wayside. The program is based on journals, letters, writings and biographies of the three famous literary families who called The Wayside their home. This program is presented in association with the Concord Junior Volunteers. Contact: Visitor Information (978) 369-6993.

Return to Concord of the "Hancock" cannon – Minute Man National Historical Park recently welcomed back a famed piece of history, a brass cannon known as the "Hancock." Documentary evidence strongly suggests this cannon, which will be on loan to the park through the generosity of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, was among the munitions sought by British troops sent to Concord in April 1775 and thought to be hidden at Colonel James Barrett's Farm. The cannon will remain on view at the North Bridge Visitor Center for an initial loan period of 18 months. Contact: Melissa Saalfeld, 978-318-7822.

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Pennsylvania:

Sheep Shearing Day (May 8) - Hand and mechanical shearing methods are demonstrated as we illustrate the important role of farming in the daily life and business activities of an iron plantation. Find out about the many steps needed to make a "simple" wool shirt.

Summer Programs, (Late June to September) - You can experience a 19th century iron making community, its lifestyles, and operations. Activities will vary daily. For additional details please call the park at 610-582-8773.

Establishment Day (August 6 and 7) - On the anniversary of the establishment of this park we will demonstrate the art and mystery of charcoal making. Colliers were well paid in the 19th century, but today we make charcoal with the support of many volunteers. Come see this historic trade being preserved.

Apple Sales (Daily starting September 10) - Select and pick your own apples from over 30 varieties grown in our historic orchard and learn about the agricultural history of Hopewell Furnace. (Availability of varieties depends upon the success of our growing season. Call ahead for more information)

Harvest Time (September 17) - Enjoy the excitement of the fall harvest as apple butter and lots of fun are cooked up. This industrial community required the cooperative efforts of many people, especially women. Demonstrations will highlight the roles of women during the fall harvest. Everyone is invited to pick apples, watch the farm animals, learn a little historic gossip, and help stir the apple butter.

Iron Plantation Christmas (December 3) -- Christmas has been celebrated in many ways through the years at Hopewell Furnace. We invite you to gather with us to share the echoes and glimpses of Christmas and the various ways it was observed.

Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, New York:

"Presidential K-9's: A Dog's Tale" will be held at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS on May 7 from 1-5 pm. The afternoon will feature a historical look at the presidents and their pooches, particularly FDR and his beloved Scottish Terrier, Fala. There will be booths on grooming and responsible dog care, and contests. The event includes the unveiling of replicas of 2 historic Roosevelt dog houses produced by the Dutchess County BOCES from a historic photograph. Contact: 845-229-9115



Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania:

Groundbreaking event – On the morning of June 2, Gettysburg National Military Park and its partner, the Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation, will hold a groundbreaking event for the new museum and visitor center. Event details are still being developed. Contact: Katie Lawhon, 717-334-1124 x452.

Salem Maritime National Historic Site, Massachusetts:

Salem Maritime Festival – (July 16-17) A weekend of maritime and other historic arts and crafts, demonstrations, music and dance, theatrical performances, and tall ships, to celebrate this nation's relationship with the sea. This year's theme is the 375th anniversary of the arrival of John Winthrop in Salem, on the *Arbella*, to formally establish the Massachusetts Bay Colony. For information: 978-740-1660.

Weir Farm National Historic Site, Connecticut:

Art Classes for Children – Summer art classes for children at Weir Farm National Historic Site in Wilton fill up fast, so aspiring young artists, ages 6-12, should enroll soon if they want to participate in the park's Art Explorer programs. Weir Farm's outstanding instructors will use the landscape and site history to encourage all young artists as they become engaged in learning new methods and techniques to express their creativity. Classes are offered in age specific groups are held rain or shine from July 6-August 19. Children can choose from two and three-day workshops to a week-long class, all of which run in two-hour sessions. Registration is by mail or in person. Contact the park at: 203/761-9945.



Booker T. Washington National Monument, Virginia:

New Interactive Virtual Tours System - Visitors now have the opportunity to learn even more about Booker T. Washington and his times through the park's new computer generated interactive system. The highlights are four virtual tours giving different perspectives of the birthplace from master, slave, school principle and park ranger. Although for all visitors, the program will be especially beneficial for those unable to walk the park grounds.

Juneteenth Celebration - (June 18) Celebrate the emancipation of the slaves after the Civil War with a reenactment of Washington's release, traditional gospel music, Junior Ranger activities, food and community fellowship.

Mark Twain Joins the Jack Tales – (June 25 - 2:00 p.m.) Appalachian Tales and music with a special appearance from Booker T. Washington contemporary Mark Twain. Performance by the Blue Ridge Dinner Theater of Ferrum College.

Christmas 1864 – (December 3, 2- 8 p.m.) Candlelight tours of the Booker T. Washington's birthplace interpreting the hardships and simple joys of the Christmas before the end of the Civil War. Costumed interpreters present vignettes from the perspective of the plantation owner, soldier and enslaved people. Hot cider and ginger bread offered after a cold nights walk.

Contact: Rebecca Harriett, 540-721-2094.

Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, Virginia:

New permanent interpretive exhibits (opened April 30, 2005) The exhibits showcase special items from the park's collection and donations, and they introduce visitors to elements of the historic context of Mrs. Walker's remarkable achievements. The exhibits are housed in two historic houses that are part of the National Historic Site and that were rehabilitated in 2002. Contact Cynthia MacLeod, 804-226-1981.

Boston National Historical Park, Massachusetts:

Tall Ship at the Charlestown Navy Yard – (May 28 and 29) Visit the majestic Chilean Tall Ship *LaEsmeralda* at Pier 1 in the Charlestown Navy Yard at Boston National Historical Park on Memorial Day Weekend. The National Park Service visiting ship program has hosted hundreds of visiting naval vessels and Class A Tall Ships since its inception in 1976. Contact: 617-242-5601.

USS Constitution Sunset Parade – (July 2) Free outdoor event for the whole family. Experience a traditional military sunset parade conducted right next to USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. Various

military and civilian units will participate in this evening program. For further information call the USS Constitution Special Events Office at 617-242-2543.

Icon Park Ark –(July 2-October 10) A Boston National Historical Park/Institute of Contemporary Art “Artist-in-Residence at Boston National Historical Park” installation piece on Pier 1 in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Free and open to the public. On Saturday, July 2 there will be family-focused opening festivities, including art-making activities, music, storytelling, puppetry and more. For more information call (617) 242-5601.

Annual Boston Harborfest Celebration – (June 30 through July 5) Programs will include indoor and outdoor educational adult and family activities that reflect the history of the people and places of the American Revolution, the city of Boston, and the Charlestown Navy Yard. Admission is free. Contact: 617-242-5601.

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, Virginia:

Speech by Doctor George Rable on the Battle of Fredericksburg – (May 28, 6 p.m.)

Fredericksburg National Cemetery Luminaria –(May 28, 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.) The luminaria features the lighting of 15,300 candles-one for each soldier buried at Fredericksburg National Cemetery.

Sunken Road History Day- (May 29, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) Events include a variety of programs including ranger-guided walking tours, children’s programs, living history, weapons firing demonstrations, and Civil War music.

Sunken Road Dedication Program (May 29, 2 p.m.)

Tour of Fredericksburg National Cemetery - (May 29, 9 a.m.)

Memorial Day Commemorative (May 29, 11 a.m.) Program at Fredericksburg National Cemetery. Contact Donald Pfanz: 540-372-3031.

Gateway National Recreation Area, New York:

Sandy Hook Coastal Defenses Day - (May 22) Noon to 4 p.m.

Tour the gun batteries and defenses built on Sandy Hook, including a living history recreation of operations at WWII-era Battery Gunnison. Discover how Sandy Hook’s fortifications defended New York Harbor from the concrete gun batteries of the 1890s to the Nike missile defenses of the 1970s.

Cold War Day- (September 25) - Noon to 4 p.m.

Visit a Nike Missile radar site restored to the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis. See Cold War era military displays. Veterans of Fort Hancock welcome.

Fort Hancock Day – (October 30) - Noon to 4 p.m. Events mark the 1895 anniversary of the establishment of Fort Hancock. Tours and open houses led by park staff and volunteers through the day explore the fort and its defenses that protected New York Harbor.

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Vermont:

Ranger-led walks and talks -A variety of ranger-led walks and talks are offered daily from early May through October. These include historic Mansion and garden tours, art tours, forest walks, and a variety of other programs. Reservations are recommended - please call (802) 457-3368 x22.

Conservation Through the Artist's Eye - American landscape paintings have inspired conservationists for over 100 years. See paintings by Hudson River School artists. On this 1.5-hour walk through the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion, discover how their landscape paintings profoundly influenced the development of a conservation ethic.

The Formal Garden and Beyond - Explore the park's colorful gardens and grounds on this 1.5-hour walk. More than beautiful scenery, the landscape reflects layers of careful design that are linked to the conservation movement in the 19th century.

Reflections of Nature in Art and Literature - This program will explore the impact of nature on American art and literature. Featured works will include Hudson River School paintings in the Mansion as well as the writings of James Fenimore Cooper, Washington Irving, and Robert Frost. This 2-hour program will take place indoors and also outdoors in the hillside gardens.

Causes & Consequences: The Civil War Home Front in Woodstock, Vermont - Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park will once again provide walking tours of Woodstock's Civil War "home front." To bring these home front stories to life, this ranger-guided tour includes some of the most significant historic sites in Woodstock. Included are places associated with the Underground Railroad, abolition meetings, the town's free African-American community, and Woodstock's pivotal role in the Union war effort in Vermont. Much of what will be seen along the tour is largely unchanged from the day the first shot was fired on Fort Sumter in April, 1861. The tour also examines the birth of the national park concept and modern stewardship with the preservation of Yosemite in 1864 and the concurrent publication of George Perkins Marsh's *Man and Nature*.
Contact: 802- 457-3368 x22.

Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, New York:

Harvest Day at Lindenwald - (September 24) The park will host Harvest Day, a day-long educational event at Lindenwald, the home and farm of President Martin Van Buren. The day celebrates the importance of agriculture to our eighth president and its continued importance to Columbia County, New York where the Van Buren site is located. Throughout his more than 30 years in politics Van Buren continuously kept the interests of agriculture and farmers in mind. He once wrote, "a more estimable class of men than the farmers and planters of the United States is not to be found in the world." The President was, himself, an enthusiastic farmer during the 21 years he resided at Lindenwald. Harvest Day is made possible by numerous individuals and groups including the Friends of Lindenwald, Roxbury Farm and others. The day's activities will run from 1:00am to 5:00pm and will provide an opportunity to learn farmland protection strategies, observe farm crafts and skills and explore the agricultural history of President Van Buren's residence. There were sheep shearing demonstrations, butter churning, horseshoeing, advice on canning and preserving your harvest, hayrides, a milking demonstration and even beer making with hops that were grown by

Martin Van Buren. There will be musical entertainment. Contact Daniel J. Dattilio, (518) 758-9689.

Saratoga National Historical Park, New York:

Guided Bike Tours – Magnificent scenery and stories of 1777, mark one of the best ways to experience Saratoga Battlefield. Join park volunteers Kyle and Lynn Jenks for guided bike tours as follows: Saturday May 21 at 1pm; Wednesday June 15 at 6pm; Wednesday July 13 at 6pm; Wednesday August 17 at 6pm and Saturday September 18 at 1pm. Please wear helmets, bring water and snacks. Call ahead for details.

Battles of Saratoga 228 Anniversary - Stillwater Heritage Days – (September 17 & 18, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) Cannons boom, muskets crack and campfires burn as 50+ re-enactors from the 25th Continental Regiment and Oneida Indian Nation bring to life the 1777 events that forged American Independence. Discuss battle strategy with officers, witness a court-martial, learn stitching styles and open-fire cooking recipes, or join the rebel cause and take part in mock military drills. Contact Gina Johnson, 518.664.9821ext.227



Shenandoah National Park, Virginia:

Wildflower Weekend – (May 7-8) Take a day or two to appreciate the diversity of wildflowers growing here in the Blue Ridge. More than 1,300 species of plants thrive in Shenandoah National Park, a mountain island surrounded by farmland, towns, and expanding developed areas. The park is a haven for native woodland wildflowers. Programs include a celebration of International Migratory Bird Day, featured speaker, hikes to wildflower, wildflower identification for beginners, etc. Contact: Visitor Information (540) 999-3500.

Butterfly Count – (July 10) Volunteers will spend the day exploring a 15-mile-diameter circle in search of nature's best-dressed insects as a part of the 9th annual Butterfly Count sponsored by the North American Butterfly Association (NABA). NABA requires a \$3-per-person participant fee for participants age 12 and older. Contact Mara Meisel, (540) 999-3282.

Wilderness Weekend – (October 15-16) Shenandoah National Park will honor America's wilderness heritage during its 5th annual Wilderness Weekend, October 15 – 16, 2005. Celebrate wilderness and enjoy fall foliage by viewing Shenandoah's wilderness from Skyline Drive, hiking a wilderness trail, joining a ranger program or stopping by a visitor center. All programs are included in the park entrance fee. Contact: Visitor Information (540)-999-3500.

Christmas Bird Count –(December 18) Volunteers spend the day exploring a 15-mile-diameter circle spotting for birds to help National Audubon Society learn about bird population trends as part of the 36th annual “Christmas” Bird Count. The National Audubon Society requires a \$5-per-person participant fee over age 18. Contact Mara Meisel, (540) 999-3282.

Springfield Armory National Historic Site, Massachusetts:

Annual Three Centuries of Soldiers – (May 21) Encampment combined with a celebration of Armed Forces Day. Reenactors in period uniforms from all major armed conflicts will demonstrate Springfield made firearms - from flintlock muskets to the famous M1 Garand of WWII. Civil War canons and balladeers will provide music both tender and loud. Armed Forces Day events include a visit by the famous Silent Drill Platoon of the US Marine Corps. Activities at the park begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. The event is free to the public.

Annual Big Band Concert - (July 9) This year’s concert features the Valley Swing Shift Orchestra and Abbott & Costello tribute artists. The concert mirrors a 1943 Benny Goodman concert held on the Armory grounds as a morale boost for thousands of Armory workers who labored to produce weapons for our soldiers during WWII. Prior to the concert free swing dance lessons are offered. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free to the public. Contact Doug Cuillard 413-734-6478.



Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Maryland:

Living American Flag - (May 24, 10 a.m. - 12 a.m.) An event sponsored by the National Flag Day Foundation to foster understanding of the flag as a symbol of national unity. Each year since 1984, up to 4,000 third, fourth and fifth graders from Maryland schools create a 130’ x 230’ Living American Flag. Participants are limited to schools registered with the National Flag Day Foundation (www.flagday.org).

Fort McHenry Guard - Defenders Return to the Fort

(Summer Weekends – Beginning June 4-5, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Experience the daily life of the War of 1812 soldier, sailor and citizen through presentations by the Fort McHenry Guard. Dressed in replica clothing of the early Nineteenth Century, the Guard conducts drills, barracks activities, artillery and musket firing demonstrations, civilian activities, and children’s programs.

Twilight Tattoo Ceremony and Concert - (Dates to be announced – usually late May) Tattoo is the military bugle call sounded shortly before Taps each evening. The Tattoos include precision drill and music performed by the Fort McHenry Guard, the park's living history unit, and guest military units.

Flag Day – Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance - (June 14, 6:30 p.m.)

An event sponsored by the National Flag Day Foundation to foster patriotism. This annual event encourages citizens all over the United States to pause at 7:00 p.m. (EDT) and say the Pledge of Allegiance. A concert of patriotic music and fireworks follows.

Fort McHenry Concert Series - Where Music Meets History!

(June 18, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

America's second war with Great Britain began on June 18, 1812. "Free Trade and Sailors' Rights" became the slogan for this "Second War of Independence." Commemorate the start of the War of 1812! The afternoon program will feature a recruiting rendezvous, fife and drum concerts and living history reenactors. Learn how music inspired soldiers, raised morale and calmed fears during troubled times. Concert times to be announced.

Civil War Days at Fort McHenry - "Battle Cry of Freedom!"

(July 16, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; July 17, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Although best known as the "Birthplace of the National Anthem," Fort McHenry's role in the Civil War was controversial. Some saw it as a symbol of freedom while others viewed it as a bastion of tyranny. Find out why people were arrested for singing "Maryland My Maryland," and how Union soldiers imposed martial law in Baltimore. Civil War reenactors encamp on the grounds and perform musket drills, guard mounts and show what life was like at the Fort during the Civil War.
* A concert of Civil War Music will be held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Fort McHenry Concert Series – Where Music Meets History!

(August 20 - "Republic vs. Empire," 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Compare and contrast the styles of music popular in the United States and Great Britain during the War of 1812! The selection of music includes "Yankee Doodle," symbolic of early America to "Rule Britannia," reflecting the British Empire during the Napoleonic era. Each concert features historical narration and a living history performance. Concert times to be announced.

Defenders' Day – The Star-Spangled Banner Weekend!!

(September 9, 10 & 11) Join us for Fort McHenry's flagship event! This three-day encampment and extravaganza is celebrated with over 100 War of 1812 reenactors, parades, military bands, fireworks, a symbolic ship-to-shore bombardment and much more! The Star-Spangled Banner Weekend honors Defenders' Day, Baltimore's oldest holiday commemorating the bombardment of Fort McHenry and the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner!" Events begin with a Friday evening ceremonial procession of War of 1812 "soldiers" from the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House to the Inner Harbor, followed by a ceremony at the amphitheater. After the ceremony the reenactors will board sailing boats and return with the 30'x42' replica flag to Fort McHenry. Saturday and Sunday, activities include children's programs, historic boats, military

encampments/demonstrations and a “privateer’s auction” of “captured goods.” Saturday evening’s program, beginning at 6:00 p.m., features a concert, a musket firing tactical demonstration with volunteer reenactors from all over the country (narrated), a symbolic ship-to-shore bombardment and evening fireworks show. ***Flag Change Programs occur twice daily all year. These are presented at: 9:30 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. (Summer – 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN SUMMER EVENING FLAG CHANGE TIME FROM PREVIOUS YEARS), weather permitting. Help a ranger raise a reproduction of the *Star-Spangled Banner* flag. Call for more details.***

Women’s Rights National Historical Park, New York:

25th anniversary- (July) 2005 marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Women’s Rights National Historical Park. Annually, the community of Seneca Falls and the park celebrate Convention Days to mark the anniversary of the 1848 first women’s rights convention in the United States. The culminating event of the week will be a Founders’ Day reception on July 23. This reception, cosponsored by the Friends of Women’s Rights National Historical Park, will be open to the public and feature honored guests who played critical roles in the establishment and development of the park. Contact: Tina Orcutt, 315-568-2991.

Pacific West Region



Hagerman Fossils Beds National Monument, Idaho:

A Sense Of Place, Nature as a Source of Healing and Peace – (May 7)

Many of us may resort to a specific “place” when we are troubled or in need of rejuvenation or inspiration. For many children and adults, nature often provides that place. Such a place may range from a tiny landscaped corner in a mall, a favorite tree, a corner in a garden or field, or a shady woodland path in a park to a majestic desert canyon or a mountain peak. There are tangible facets of nature that can meet inherent human needs for beauty, peace, solitude, inspiration, and personal healing. Come and learn how and why nature can fulfill critical human needs and how interactions with nature can assist us to succeed as unique and sentient individuals. Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center. Presented by the Red Willow Research Inc.

Dragonflies of Idaho – (May 21) Dragonflies are incredible wildlife species commonly found in South-Central Idaho habitats. In wetlands and other aquatic

habitats without fish, dragonflies often serve as apex predators. We will introduce dragonflies and their fascinating life histories. Program will be held Saturday 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center. Presented by Red Willow Research Inc. Contact: Visitor Information 208-837-4793.



Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, California:

Kayak tours - Kayak tours available, 16 people per tour, 2 times a day. Reservations by phone and web. Free. Contact: Steve Thede, 530-242-3450.



Yosemite National Park, California:

Yosemite Falls – Features of the Lower Falls area project include a new handicap accessible trail to the Falls, a new restroom, a new shuttle bus stop, and new exhibits throughout the area. This is the largest public-private partnership project in the history of the park, with the Yosemite Fund raising more than \$12 million. Contact: Scott Gediman, 209-372-0248.

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Oregon:

New Paleo Center - The new Thomas Condon Paleontology Center is scheduled to open on August 13. Visitors will be able to watch fossils being prepared by park scientists through glass with a passive audio system. This will allow direct interaction among visitors and scientists. The John Day Basin is one of the most scientifically significant fossil areas in the world. Contact: Jim Hammett, 541-987-2333.

Point Reyes National Seashore, California:

Sand Sculpture Contest – Point Reyes National Seashore invites you to the 24th Annual Sand Sculpture Contest at Drakes Beach on Sunday, September 4 (Labor Day Weekend) from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Prizes awarded in each of several age and group categories. Free to participants and spectators. Contact the park at: 415-464-5100.

Southeast Region

Natchez National Historical Park, Mississippi:

William Johnson House - Formally dedicated the William Johnson House, a unit of the park, on February 26th. The Johnson House, the historic 1840s home of a free black barber and diarist, had been under restoration for over ten years, and is now fully completed to its historic appearance with furnished rooms and interactive exhibits. William Johnson's unique view of the antebellum south as a free man of color are documented in his diary of everyday life in Natchez prior to the Civil War. Contact: Keith Whisenant, 601-442-7047.



Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi

NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY COMPLETION CELEBRATED--This spring, 67 years after construction of the Natchez Trace Parkway began; the final 20+ miles of the Parkway will be open to visitors. On Saturday, May 21, 2005, the National Park Service, Federal Highway Administration, and federal, state, and local officials will celebrate the completion of construction for the last two segments of the 444-mile Parkway that travels from Natchez, Mississippi, through the northwest corner of Alabama, to Nashville, Tennessee. The last two segments to be finished, Sections 3P and 3X, are located in the Jackson and Natchez, MS, areas, respectively. Contact: Jerry Pendleton, 662-680-4054.

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Louisiana:

250th Anniversary of the Acadian Deportation – This year marks the anniversary of the British removal of Nova Scotia's Acadians from their homeland in Canada.

Many of the Acadians would later immigrate to Louisiana, where they became known as Cajuns and made major contributions to local history, lifestyles, and culture. The Acadian Cultural Center of Jean Lafitte National Park and Preserve is located in Lafayette, Louisiana, the unofficial capital of Cajun country. The center will remember the deportation this summer with storytelling (July 23), music (July 30), and dance (August 6). On Saturday, August 13, the center will present the *Lache pas la Patete* Festival, with traditional food, music, crafts, and old-time games. The event will celebrate the Cajun phrase *Lache pas la Patete*—don't drop the potato, don't forget where you came from. Also on August 13-20, at the center, Louisiana playwright Cody Daigle will present the world premiere of his drama about the Acadian Deportation.



New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, Louisiana:

New Exhibit – (opened April 5, 2005) New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park will share *Stories in Jazz*, a new exhibit featuring interviews with musicians who were there when music history was made. The exhibit opened April 5 at the park's visitor center, in the French Quarter of New Orleans, and will run through the summer. The exhibit features a permanent interactive media station where visitors can view video highlights of selected interviews. A temporary photography exhibit courtesy of the Louisiana State Museum's Jazz Collection will feature 14 of the interviewed musicians, including Milton Batiste of the Olympia Brass Band and Lionel Ferbos.

Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, Alabama:

Construction is under way with temporary visitor facilities available. Contact: Catherine Farmer: 334-799-0963.

Charles Pinckney National Historic Site, South Carolina

Tenth anniversary celebration – (May 10) The park opened on May 10, 1995. Special programs are scheduled for the day-long celebration.

Annual naturalization ceremony – (September 16) Every year on Constitution Day (September 17) over 100 new citizens are sworn at Charles Pinckney NHS in an outdoor naturalization ceremony. This year the ceremony falls on Friday, September 16 (U.S. District Court does not convene on weekends).

Christmas at Snee Farm – (December) Charles Pinckney frequently spent the holidays as a youth at the Pinckney's coastal plantation, Snee Farm. The 1820s house will be decorated in period Lowcountry style. Contact Bill Martin, 843-881-5516.



Fort Sumter National Monument, South Carolina

New exhibit on the Civil War – (opened in April 2005) in Charleston with rare artifacts of military and civilian origin on loan from the Charleston Museum. On display indefinitely at the Fort Sumter Visitor Education Center at Liberty Square.

Remembrance Day at Fort Moultrie – (June 11) The Remembrance Committee holds a solemn ceremony to reflect on the site of the importation of thousands of enslaved Africans to North America through the port of Charleston, and the many who did not survive the "Middle Passage."

Carolina Day - (June 28) The battle of Fort Moultrie, fought on June 28, 1776, was the first defeat of the British Navy during the Revolutionary War. Entrance fees to Fort Moultrie are waived for the day and a special program is scheduled for the evening.

Edgar Allan Poe Festival at Fort Moultrie – (September) Poe was stationed at Fort Moultrie from 1827-1828 under the pseudonym Edgar A. Perry, and later wrote *The Gold Bug*, which is based on Sullivan's Island and features Fort Moultrie. Contact Bill Martin, 843-881-5516.

Virgin Islands National Park (VINP) and Coral Reef National Monument (CRNM), St. John, Virgin Islands:

Carnival Participation – (July 4) VINP and CRNM will once again participate in the annual 4th of July Carnival-Independence Day festivities on St. John, with a parade entry that depicts the natural resources and/or cultural history of the park.

Anniversary Celebration – (August) VINP and CRNM will celebrate its 50th year anniversary in August 2006. Events will include formal and informal ceremonies, educational outreach programs and activities with public and media participation. The goal is to celebrate and share with the nation, a memorable and momentous 50 years of rich cultural heritage and spectacular natural history.

Contact: Art Frederick, 340-776-6201.